A Celebration of Summer Journal Writing

We know that reading and writing are at the core of student success and now more than ever we rely on writing to communicate on a personal, social, academic and professional level.

This summer we challenge students, staff and parents alike, to maintain a Summer Journal (or Scrapbook with writing!). You may write as little (at least 5 entries) or as much (fill a book) as you like while fulfilling the grade level expectations included below.

So, what kind of “artifacts” can go in a Summer Journal?

- A photograph of their most awesome sand castle,
- a map of the road trip they took,
- a postcard from a souvenir shop,
- the cover of (or a line from) their favorite reading selection,
- a ticket stub from a show, game or movie, a drawing of their bike or of a tree they saw during their ride
- a picture or drawing of the pool or Grandma’s house
- a list of things they found on a walk around the neighborhood

Then, using the guidelines below, students will write (or draw) something about what they included and why. Remember, the guidelines below are a minimum, please encourage more!

Kindergarten – write a word (just the sounds heard!), a few words, draw or have an adult scribe what is said for EACH of the FIVE (5) entries

First Grade – write ONE (1) sentence for EACH of the FIVE (5) entries

Second Grade – write TWO (2) THUMBS UP SENTENCES for EACH of the FIVE (5) minimum entries

Third Grade – write THREE (3) THUMBS UP SENTENCES for EACH of the FIVE (5) minimum entries

Fourth Grade - write FOUR (4) THUMBS UP SENTENCES for EACH of the FIVE (5) minimum entries

Fifth Grade – write FIVE (5) THUMBS UP SENTENCES for EACH of the FIVE (5) minimum entries

Journals are due at school by August 27th.
If you are looking for some ideas, check out Amelia’s Notebook Or Max’s Log Book by Marissa Moss in the School or public library.

Here are sample entries:
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Required Grade Level Specific Reading Log

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<td>Read 3-5 Just Right Chapter Books</td>
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1. Complete the two required literacy opportunities listed below.

2. Then, complete 2 out of the 4 bucket list items and return by August 27th to earn your ticket to our Summer Reading Celebration on September 1st after school.

**Required Literacy Opportunities**

- Complete the Grade Level Specific Reading Log attached.
- Complete 5 entries in a writing journal using the examples provided.

**Complete 2 of the 4 bucket list items below**

- Compose one reader response or book review entry in a writing journal (at least half page length) OR share a book review on the “Emerick Reads (and Writes!)” Facebook page. You may inspire a schoolmate to read your book.

- Participate in the Purcellville Library Summer Reading Program
  Sign up at this website: library.loudoun.gov/SRP

- Complete 5 of the Summer Reading Activities attached.

- Post a picture READING or WRITING anywhere on the “EMERICK READS (and Writes!)” FB page AND email it to the school at emerickelementary@gmail.com.